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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN POTPOURRI

1. IN BORADCAST INTERVIEW, R&R COMMISSIONER, SHEMELES ADUGNA, EVENING AUGST 29, REITERATED THAT ETHIOPIAN RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION BECOMING AUTOMOMOUS UNIT REPORTING DIRECTLY TO PRIMIN. IT WOULD BE EMPOWERED DEAL WITH ALL NATURAL DISASTERS, NOT ONLY DROUGHT, AND ENABLED USE IEG FACILITIES AND PESONNEL. DEPUTY R&R COMMISSIONER, COL TESSEA, IN SAME BROADCAST, SAID THAT EFFECT OF DROUGHT STILL BEING FELT IN HARRARGHE, SIDAMO, GEMU GOFA AND ERITREA. WORST IS NOT OVER. ARMY WORMS HAVE TAKEN UP WHERE DROUGHT LEFT OFF AND THEY ARE WORSE THAN LOCUSTS. ETHIOPIA CONTINUES TO NEED ALL THE AID IT CAN GET. COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED THAT IEG DECLARE WOLLO DISASTER AREA. LAW WOULD EMPOWER COMMISSION TO PROCEED WITH ITS TASK ("NATION-BUILDING AND TO ROOT OUT FEUDEALISM") WITH FREE HAND. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED DRAFT PROCLAMATION DECLARING WOLLO DISASTER AREA AND WILL REPORT FURTHER THEREON SEPARATELY END COMMENT. STILL ON SAME  
BRAODCAST SECGEN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, SEIFU TEKLE MARIAM,  
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REVIEWD MULTIPLE CASUE OF DROUGHT. HE SAID THAT WHILE COMMISSION

OF INQUIRY HAD TENTATIVELY CONCLUDED ON RESPONSIBILITY OF FORMER MINISTERS, PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS, ETC., IT HAS ONLY INVESTIGATED FORMER GOVGENS OF WOULO THUS FAR. TEAM OF FOUR COMMISSIONERS LEAVING FOR WOLLO AGUST 30 FOR 10-DAY ON SPOT INQUIRY AND COMMISSION HOPES REACH FULL CONCLUSIONS WITHIN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

2. MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE FAMILY GUIDANCE FOUNDATION, WHICH PART OF HSI FOUNDATION, INFORMED EMBOFF AUGUST 39 THAT "WE HAVE JUST BEEN NATIONALIZED". CONFUSION REIGNS AS PERSONNEL TRYING ASCERTAIN WHAT THIS MAY MEAN.

3. WE HAVE THUSE FAR UNCONFRIMED INDICATIONS THAT AFCC PREPARING ABSORB CIVILIAN ELEMENTS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN PROVIDING ADVICE BUT AFCC HAS THUS FAR BEEN STRICTLY MILITARY BODY. AS IT GETS DEEPER INTO GOVERNMENT AND POLICY RPOBLEMS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, AFCC APPARENTLY FEELING GROWING NEED FOR EXPERTISE ITS MEMBERS DO NOT POSSESS.  
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